

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE


Applicant(s): **Behague, et al.** Customer No.: **023640**
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Examiner: **Hand, Melanie Jo** Atty Docket No.: **069208.0115**
For: **Method, system and machine for collecting a biological fluid to which a selected ration of solution is added**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination for the above-identified application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

This request is being submitted before (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§ 145 or 146.

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 19, 2009 (the "Final Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action in light of the amendments and remarks below:

- **Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.